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Alleged insecurity of teachers in educational institutions.

* 1908 *Q.*—Mr. C. V. Venkataramana Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether several representations have been made to the Government that the present want of security of tenure for teachers in educational institutions under private management and under local bodies leads to several difficulties and inconveniences; and

(*b*) whether there is any proposal before the Government for securing some satisfactory arrangement regarding the question referred to in (*a*) and if so, at what stage that consideration is and when a final decision may be expected?

A.—(*a*) Representations have been made to Government on the subject.

(*b*) The matter is under reference to the Director of Public Instruction and the Government hope to pass orders as early as possible.

Local Boards

Alleged signing of District Board bills by the Deputy Collector, Nilgiris.

* 1909 *Q.*—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Collector, Ootacamund, Nilgiris, signs papers, bills and cheques on behalf of the Nilgiris District Board in spite of the fact that the Board has a President as well as Vice-President;

(*b*) if so, under what authority and why;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that there are only nine other elected members of the board as against thirteen consisting of Europeans, planters and nominated European officers including the Collector;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the three nominated members consisting of the Anglo-Indian, Muhammadan and depressed class representatives almost always side with the planter *cum* official block;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that rural interests of Nilgiris district do not in consequence find expression in the District Board; and

(*f*) what measures Government propose to take to rectify this state of affairs?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) & (*e*) The Government have no information.

(*f*) ......

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar:—" May I know whether the Government cannot get the information?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—" I do not know if any purpose will be served by obtaining the information."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar:—" Is not the hon Minister aware that these local boards are intended to be a sort of training ground for non-officials, and such being the case, why should an official continue to do business there?"